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(summary) http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/wor1085.html

** AUSTRALIA. Christian Voice is the broadcast ministry of the UK-based Christian Vision organization, which also operates shortwave radio services in Zambia and Chile [q.v.]. Christian Vision bought former Radio Australia Darwin (Cox Peninsula) transmitter site from the Australian government in June 2000. As of 15 June 2001 only two frequencies were operational from Darwin - 21680 and 21550 kHz; the other listed channels are planned.

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0000-0100 17.850 21.680-(from 0030)
0100-0700 21.550 21.680-(not 0400-0430, 0500-0530)
0700-0800 17.820 21.680
2030-2130 9.865 11.840
2130-2200 9.725 11.840
2200-2330 17.850
2330-2359 9.865 17.850

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** BAHAMAS. Is there a database somewhere that lists the FM stations in the Bahamas? Amongst a few other stations on 96.1 I heard a newscast (5 pm CDT Wed) that mentioned "here in the Bahamas". Also

logged WRXK-96.1 Bonita Springs FL and 93.9 WLVE Miami Beach / Ft Lauderdale, so it's a possibility. Thanks, (Todd Brandenburg, K0KAN, Topeka, KS, June 27, amfmtvdx via DXLD) {Yes -- see DXLD 1-089, 1-090}

** CANADA. Good news for fans of CBC's Quirks and Quarks: According to the last program of the regular season, there will be two *different* Q&Q repeats each week on CBC Radio One: the first is on Thursday @ 8 p.m. local, then the usual Saturday at noon local. RCI airs Q&Q twice: Saturday @ 1500 UTC and 2300 UTC. Does anybody know whether these two broadcasts will have different programs during the summer? Regards, (Ricky Leong, QU, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CBC previews for Thursday June 28:

QUIRKS & QUARKS TONIGHT: Quirks and Quarks Tonight kicks off a summer season with tips on holiday reading for the science buff near you. First, Brian Greene's "The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory." Also, Rachel Smolker's "To Touch a Wild Dolphin," and more. That's Quirks and Quarks Tonight, at 8:00 p.m. (8:30 NT) on CBC Radio One.

IDEAS: Tonight on Ideas...Hydrogen: a sound-and-light show about science and the cosmos by Lister Sinclair and Max Allen, reflecting on J.B.S. Haldane's comment: "Knowledge once gained casts a faint light beyond its own immediate boundaries." Followed by an on-line chat with Lister Sinclair. That's tonight on Ideas at 9:05 (9:35 NT) on CBC Radio One. Check out the website as well, via http://cbc.ca (CBC Hotsheet via DXLD)

** CANADA. CFVP Calgary: Garnered this info from Lonny Bergen, Engineer for CJAY 92 FM/AM 1060 CKMX Calgary, AB by contacting him through CJAY 92's website. CKMX hopes to have a website up and running soon. CFVP 6030 kHz is operational 24/7 at 100 watts relaying CKMX. Transmitter location is 50 degrees 54 minutes north, 113 degrees 52 minutes west (Mark Coady, June 27, ODXA via DXLD)

** CHILE. Radio Voz Cristiana is operated by the UK-based Christian Vision organization, which also operates Christian Voice shortwave radio stations in Zambia and Australia. The main production studios are in Miami (USA) although some programmes may be produced in Santiago. This service commenced test transmissions in March 1998 and was officially launched on 15th July 1998. This schedule, valid until October 2001, is based on information from the broadcaster.

Languages : Portuguese, Spanish

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Web Site : http://www.vozcristiana.com
Address : PO Box 2889, Miami, Florida 33144, USA
Web Site : http://www.christianvision.com

0000-2359	SPANISH Global	http://www.vozcristiana.com - live audio
0000-0300	PORTUGUESE	11.745
0000-0100	SPANISH	6.070 15.375 21.550
0100-0300	SPANISH	6.070 11.690 15.375
0300-1000	SPANISH	6.070 11.690 11.745 15.375
1000-1100	PORTUGUESE	11.745
1000-1200	SPANISH	6.070 11.690 15.375
1100-2100	PORTUGUESE	21.500
1200-1300	SPANISH	9.635 11.690 15.375
1300-1400	SPANISH	9.635 17.680 21.550
1400-2200	SPANISH	9.635 17.680 21.550
2100-2359	PORTUGUESE	11.745
2200-2359	SPANISH	6.070 17.680 21.550

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{Not yet Portuguese! See DXLD 1-089}

** CONGO. 5985, 27.6 1845- R Congo, Brazzaville seems to have changed back to this channel; however was on 4765 on 26th June. Also Radio Tanzania on the background (Jarmo Patala, Hyvinkaa - Finland, Grundig Satellit 500 modified + ALA1530, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

5985, Radio Congo, Brazzaville, June 27, 1929-1950, Male speaker in French, mention of Congo and Brazzaville, ID at 1944. Afro music. Excellent signal. Missing on 4765, so I checked 5985 and found them there instead (Mark Veldhuis, Netherlands, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

This morning (27th June by UTC), I heard Brazzaville back on 5985, leaving 4765 silent. Very large signal at 2045 in French & no sign of Tanzania, which has been active on 5985 in recent months. Undoubtedly the strongest African in these parts of late (Craig Seager, Contributing Editor, Radio & Communications, ARDXC via DXLD)

** CUBA. Desde Dentro de Cuba. Distribuido por Cuba Free Press, Inc. http://www.cubafreepress.org 09 de Febrero del 2001

COACCIONAN A JOVEN POR ESCUCHAR RADIO MARTÕ Y LA VOZ DE LA FUNDACI”N. Por Lic. Reinaldo Cosano, Cuba Free Press.

La Habana.- El lunes 29 de enero en la vivienda de Yenier Toledano Torres, en AmpliaciÛn de Marbella, en Guanabo se personÛ el teniente

coronel de las Fuerzas Armadas apellidado Pimienta diciÈndole a la madre del joven opositor que bajara el volumen del radio, porque le indignaba tener que escuchar esas audiciones. El vecino de Yenier se referÌa a las emisoras Radio MartÌ y Voz de la FundaciÛn.

Posteriormente Yenier Toledano llegÛ a la casa de Pimienta y Èste expresÛ que no debÌa continuar oyendo la emisora porque le traerÌa problemas, ya que Èl tomarÌa severas medidas.

AdvirtiÛ que las organizaciones a las que Yenier estuvo incorporado: CoaliciÛn Democr·tica Cubana y Colegio de Pedagogos Independientes de Cuba, eran contrarrevolucionarias e ilegales.

Consuelo Torres, madre de Yenier estuvo preocupada con que puedan tomar represalias contra el hijo.

Por su parte, el joven de 18 aÒos, Yenier Toledano Torres ha dicho: ``SeguirÈ luchando por la libertad, democracia y respeto a los derechos humanos en Cuba.`` Reinaldo Cosano, Cuba Free Press
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** CUBA [non]. Radio MartÌ: What is the deal in MenÈndez getting someone fired from a radio station? Robert MenÈndez (NJ-D) has revealed that they are seriously considering holding Congressional hearings to investigate the present administrators of Radio Marti (J. R. Dupont, USA, June 24, 2001 for Clandestine Radio Watch via DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC. 6/27/01. RADIO PRAGUE OFFERING 65TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL QSL CARD. Last Sunday I was listening to Radio Prague's mailbag program on WRN-1 via Worldspace Asiastar-1. They are offering a special 65th anniversary QSL card for all the reception reports received during the period 31st August to 9th Sept '01. Regds, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 4410.2, Radio La Voz de la Alabanza (presumed) 0930, Jun 28. Noted again, after an absence of several months. First received recently, on June 23, with SS px, weak signal, and buried in the noise. I also heard it this morning, with a little audio, but again heavy static crashes (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUINEA BISSAU. Re DXLD 1-086: Yes, they're only on 106.2 MHz VHF/FM. I recorded it whilst visiting Dakar, Senegal in April 1999

(Dave Kernick, http://www.intervalsignals.com DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Follow-up to Dave Harries` request for more information about the Voice of the Military Council (DXLD 1-087): The station is actually called Radio BombolÛm. One of three commercial FM stations in Bissau, the station broadcast on behalf of breakaway military chief Brig. Ansumane Mane against the government during an attempted coup in 1998. Its owner was sympathetic to the rebels and offered them use of his broadcast outlet, which they temporarily renamed "Radio Voz [d]a Junta Militar" (Radio Voice of the Military Council). Mane was ultimately successful in toppling President Nino Vieira in May 1999; however, he was shot dead in November 2000. BombolÛm, which takes its name from a traditional drum used to communicate over long distances, is still on the air.

More information can be found at ClandestineRadio.com:
http://www.clandestineradio.com/archives/inactive/guineabissau.htm
(Nick Grace C., Washington Managing Editor, ClandestineRadio.com, June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Jeypore, which is back on SW after about 2 years has slightly modified their Sunday broadcasts again. 5040 is now used at 1030-1741 on Sundays. On the previous Sunday they used 6040 at 1030-1130 and shifted to 5040 at 1130 (Jose Jacob, http://www.bcdxindia.net June 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. From VOIRI complete schedule:

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0030-0130  ENGLISH Am   9.022 9.835 11.970
1100-1230  ENGLISH MEAs 0.702 0.765 15.385 15.430 15.585 21.470
                       21.730 100.7
1530-1630  ENGLISH AsAu 7.245 9.635 11.775
1930-2030  ENGLISH Eu   1.404 9.022 11.670 13.730
2130-2230  ENGLISH AsAu 9.570 13.745

0130-0230  SPANISH Am   9.560 9.655 9.810 13.755
0230-0330  SPANISH Am   13.730
0530-0630  SPANISH Eu   17.590 17.785
2030-2130  SPANISH Eu   9.022 11.765 100.7
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** IRAQ. Re DXLD 1-086: Good Morning Glenn, noted your Bracketed ? on S-AM: was using Synchronous AM Detection to hear the signal more clearly, as it was muffled on LSB and not heard on USB, muffled again on AM! I then used S-AM Detection and the signal popped out in the clear, Regards (Tony Berry, June 27, WORLD OF RADIO 1085, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ [non]. Iraq Opposition to Get More U.S. Funds
By Steven Mufson, Washington Post, Thursday, June 14, 2001; Page A44

The State Department notified Congress yesterday that it plans to release an additional $6 million to the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella of Iraqi opposition groups with broad congressional support. The money will cover continuing administrative costs of the INC and might further the exile group's efforts to start broadcasting television programs by satellite into Iraq, said Francis Brooke, who represents the INC in Washington. Brooke said that the INC has about 15 people employed to produce television programs for broadcast to Iraq and that it has a contract with Lockheed Martin Corp. to send programs to Iraq by satellite. So far, however, there haven't been any broadcasts. Brooke said that the INC -- which has offices in London, Washington, Damascus and Tehran -- has expenses of about $2 million a month.

The release of the money comes despite a financial audit of the INC launched last week by the State Department. The department said that the audit was routine but that no new grants would be made while it was taking place. Brooke said the $6 million was not part of a new grant but part of continuing programs. The INC previously received a total of just over $4 million. Brooke said that money has been spent. Many members of Congress, and some members of the administration, have advocated more vigorous support for the INC and efforts to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (via N. Grace-USA June 15, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

** IRELAND. Radio Telefis Eireann is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year with an exhibition travelling to all the main libraries. The special website is http://www.rte.ie/radio75 and a small booklet has also been printed (Jonathan Murphy, Ireland, World DX Club)

I visited the website and found it very interesting with many audio samples of broadcasts throughout RTE`s history, one feature on Radio Caroline`s launch on there with a Radio Caroline North promotional jingle that I do not recall hearing before (Mike Barraclough, World DX Club via DXLD)

** KENYA. QSL from KBC: A surprise in the post today from Kenya. This was from my last report of 13 months ago addressed to Martin Ouma Ojach, Engineer at the P O Box 38, Marala Transmitter Station. The letter (on plain white paper) was from a 41 year old named Robinson Wanjau Githae who says that Martin has retired and he now is the present Eng. in Charge. He gave the date & freq of my reception and mentioned how much they enjoyed listening to my tape. No "official" confirmation was noted but close enough for these days. He mentioned that KBC is no longer on short wave in English but still on AM 1386

kHz. (I have seen recent reports of EE on short wave?).

Interesting, to say the least. Because the envelope and letter contain no official KBC logo, etc., I will have to do some further investigation to see if this guy actually does work for KBC. He did ask for some information about engineering in Canada and did use the P O Box 38 as his return address, so... Taped report and 1 IRC. 73 (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta CANADA, June 27, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** MIDWAY. Latest article to be posted on the radiodx.com website is on KMTH Midway Island... not too many people heard this one... http://radiodx.com/spdxr/KMTH.htm Cheers, (Paul Ormandy, Oamaru, New Zealand, June 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOLDOVA. JOURNALISTS FROM MOLDOVA AND TRANSDNIESTER DISCUSS COOPERATION. Representatives of news organizations from the Moldovan capital Chisinau and Tiraspol, the capital of the breakaway Transdniester Republic, met on 14 June to discuss possibilities of increasing professional exchanges. The meeting was organized by the Moldovan Journalists` Union (UJM) and the Independent Journalism Center. Vasile Sturza, special representative of the Moldovan president at talks with Transdniester, who was present at the meeting, said that the boost to cooperation between media professionals from the two sides is likely to provide an impetus to top-level negotiations on the future status of Transdniester, reported Infotag ("Moldova Media News," 18 June via H. Biener, Germany, June 23, 2001 for CRW)

MOLDOVAN STATE BROADCASTER TO COOPERATE WITH TRANSDNIESTER. On 1 June, the state Teleradio-Moldova announced plans to extend cooperation with TV and radio companies in the breakaway Transdniester Republic. Soon, Teleradio will start rebroadcasting shows produced in the Transdniester capital Tiraspol, reported Curier Media (Moldova Media News, 18 June via RFE/RL MEDIA MATTERS Vol. 1, No. 20, 22 June 2001 via H. Biener, Germany, June 23, 2001 for CRW via DXLD)

** NAMIBIA. Namibian broadcasting workers warn of looming strike over pay | Excerpt from report from Namibian newspaper The Namibian web site on 26 June

Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) workers have warned of a looming strike at the state-run radio and television stations unless the company raises their pay. Workers` representatives at the NBC held a press conference yesterday at which they said a clash with management over salary increases appeared unavoidable. The representatives of about 5,000 workers accused the company's

management of ignoring their request to start talks over salary increases before the new budget comes into operation at the beginning of next month. After workers had informed management of their planned press conference last week, the management then promised to meet for salary talks on Thursday [28 June] this week."... Source: The Namibian web site, Windhoek, in English 26 Jun 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. PRESS RELEASE FROM RADIO NETHERLANDS, HILVERSUM, HOLLAND June 28th 2001, 11.00 am

Short-Wave of Publicity

Radio Netherlands has announced that as from Sunday July 1st it will broadcast to North America on all the frequencies being relinquished on same day by the BBC World Service. The publicity campaign is designed to recognise and support the millions of short-wave radio owners in North America who still believe in direct contact with Europe from across the Atlantic. "Short-wave remains the only direct way to share a full range of important issues with a loyal audience in the USA and Canada" says Radio Netherlands' Director General Lodewijk Bouwens.

"Holland was the first country to start direct broadcasts and programme exchanges with stations in North America back in 1928. We haven't looked back since."

"North American listeners have always been some of the most committed. We're guaranteed a full postbag or e-mail box when we explain attitudes that people in the Netherlands have to drug prevention or euthanasia. But it is much more than that. We see a growing appreciation of this country as an important cultural centre in Europe - a place that invites and stimulates constructive thinking" said Bouwens.

Radio Netherlands believes in a multimedia mix. With more than 600 stations in North America broadcasting a broad range of music and documentary features, certain Radio Netherlands' programmes are already reaching listeners on FM in the USA and Canada. "But short-wave offers us the opportunity to share a much wider range of news and features at a convenient listening time. We can offer more depth and context than is allowed on domestic media, knowing that the audience has made that extra effort to tune in.

Fortunately, technical developments mean AM broadcasts will soon have the fidelity of FM. It involves digitising the AM bands over the next few years with a system called Digital Radio Mondiale or DRM. 67 organisations, including big name manufacturers such as JVC and Sony, back this new global standard. Hearing the demo of digital short-wave

is like listening to the difference between a cassette and a compact disc.

Internet is complementary to radio, but doesn't replace it. Audio on the web is great at playing radio's memory, offering a second chance to listen to a programme transmitted earlier. But the current streaming technology is useless at coping with the peak demands of serious live broadcasting. For every 100,000 listeners over the air at any one moment, there are only a few thousand capable of hearing the broadcasts simultaneously on the web.

"Webcasting is expensive, it is often congested during a crisis, there are copyright restrictions, it's simply not ready for prime time" says Bouwens.

Radio Netherlands is heard in English to North America every evening between 7.30-9.25 pm Eastern Daylight Time on 6165 and 9845 kHz. There is an additional one hour programme primarily for the West Coast of North America at 9.30-10.25 pm Pacific Daylight Time on 6165 and 9590 kHz. In addition, there are Radio Netherlands broadcasts in Spanish and Dutch, which are also widely heard in North America.

Extensive information on Radio Netherlands short-wave campaign activities at http://www.medianetwork.nl Listeners are being invited to e-mail the station using media@rnw.nl

Postal address: Radio Netherlands, P.O. Box 222, 1200 JG Hilversum, The Netherlands. Tel: +31 35 6724218. Fax +31 35 6724343.

Details about the future of digital AM broadcasting are also posted at http://www.drm.org (RN June 28 via DXLD)

Quite a ploy, but considerably at variance with Andy Sennitt`s previous reply to Will Martin that it was not RN`s place to take up where BBC leaves off! Are they serious? Details of times and frequencies to be added? All in English? A stunt for July 1, or forevermore? Where will they get the transmitter capacity, something no one seems to be asking: Flevo, Sackville, Bonaire, ??? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It`s exactly the same as the current BBC schedule for the frequencies they`re vacating (Ralph Brandi, swprograms via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 26 June 2001: The Dutch commercial station Radio Nationaal has made its first test transmission on 1296 kHz from the Orfordness transmitter site in the UK. Regular programmes begin at 1000 UT on 1 July. On the station`s re-launched Web site is a coverage map and photo report from the transmitter site. The on-air

identification will be "Radio Nationaal 1296 AM" (© Radio Netherlands Media Network via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Port Moresby 4890, was off this morning at 2000 check. Paul Ormandy says it may have something to do with industrial action (Chris Hambly, Victoria, UT June 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 9.504,9 R. Tacna, 18:15: En el aire a pesar del terremoto con epicentro en la ciudad de Moquegua, cercana a Tacna. Informes variados sobre actividades en la ciudad para restablecer la normalidad. Ayuda a los afectados en recolecciÛn a alimentos y enceres. 34333 en Santiago. Reportada en Iquique, primera regiÛn con SINPO 45444 (Hugo LÛpez, R 5000, Santiago, Chile, ConexiÛn Digital via WORLD OF RADIO 1085, DXLD) Evidently a day or two later, undated (gh)

** PORTUGAL. Dear Glenn, I've just received the following info from Radiodifus„o Portuguesa.

"We must inform you that the RDP Group broadcasts via Antena 1, Antena 2 and Antena 3 to mainland Portugal, Madeira and Azores. Via RDP Africa broadcasts to the Lisboa area and to the Portuguese speaking African countries. Via the SW transmission Centre, RDP Internacional broadcasts to all relevant target areas around the world."

The enclosed frequency schedule of RDP Internacional is as follows (all programs in Portuguese and all times utc):

Monday/Friday:

Europe:
0500/1200 9815, 11960
0645/0800 11850
1600/1900 15445 (may be extended to 2300), 15525, 17650
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 13720

Middle East/India:
1300/1500 21810

Africa:
1000/1200 21830
1600/1900 17680
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 11945

United States/Canada:
0500/0700 15585
1200/2300 (only special transmissions) 17575
2300/0200 9715, 11655

Venezuela:
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 21540
2300/0200 13700

Brazil/Cabo Verde/Guinea:
1000/1200 21655, 21725
1600/1900 21800 (may be extended to 2300), 21655

Brazil:
2300/0200 13660, 15295

Saturday/Sunday:

Europe:
0700/1345 12020, 13640
0830/1000 11995
1400/2000 15555 (may be extended to 2300), 13770
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 13720

Africa:
0700/1655 21830
1700/2000 17680
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 11945

United States/Canada:
1200/2000 (may be extended to 2300) 17575

Venezuela:
1200/2000 17615
1900/2300 (only special transmissions) 21540

Brazil/Cabo Verde/Guinea:
0700/2000 21655
1200/2000 (may be extended to 2300) 21800

On Internet at http://www.rdp.pt Antena 2, Antena 3, RDP Africa and Antena 1-Madeira via Windows Media Player Audio; Antena 1 and RDP Internacional via Real Audio.

(via Stefano Valianti, Bologna, Italy, June 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 3922.7, Radio Samorodinka, Moscow. June 26th at 1956 UT with repeated instrumental tune and IDs in Russian and one in English (mode full AM). Strong signal through the static noise. At about 2005 into usual Russian commentaries and some music. Ending talk portion at 2047 and switched to morse (CW) giving ID and commentaries in Russian with individual but clear hand-keying. I`m not

sure if this station is located in Moscow City; some sources give the QTH as Serpukhov.

Radio Samorodinka has been operating since 1993 and logged every now and then in the Finnish DX-press. I wonder how far the signal gets; this should not be very difficult in Scandinavia and Baltic area at least. I guess this one can be counted as a broadcasting station; the station itself refers to a registration number, so probably licenced.

Here is a part of what station owner Mr. Leo Shishkin wrote me in his QSL in 1998: "I am an researcher to Industry. Have the inventions for the radio-interferences suppression and for medical and automotive security electronic equipments. Retired since 1989. Broadcasting: dx-cw and local-am since 1993. Some transmissions are in English. The subjects are about critical situations if ignored by the Powers and other politicians. Registered as fully non-commercial and as of self authorship one."

The QSL gives reg.no. 02244(93) and radiated power 10 Watts. That time the address was Mr. Leo Shishkin, Box 898, Moscow 101000 Russia.

Good luck hunting Samorodinka. 73 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, June 27, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

So Russia actually licenses individual low-power shortwave broadcasters? Somehow, I doubt it (gh, DXLD) {See DXLD 1-089}

** RUSSIA. Voice of Mediterranean is being heard on 11410 as well as 12060 1900-2000 in English, presumed transmitter spur (Mike Barraclough, June 25th, World DX Club via DXLD) Mix with 11735 halfway

** SOMALIA. Re: Radio Banadir - Some of your report worth to be concidered After I read your report about clan Radio's over Somalian, I found it very exagurating HornAfrik Radio in Mogdisho. In your report you suggested that Radio Banadir is off but I can tell you that was untrue. Radio Banadir is working as ever and the staff are more advanced than those of hornafric which is funded by European via Yuusuf Garad, the editor of Somali BBC whom belong to the same clan as HornAfric. If the money they paid to their staff is more than those of other Radio's I wouldn't be surprised because of fund they're getting from the Europeans. Which, they mistreated rather than using those donations in appropriate way where most of the Somalian could benefit as some other Radios in Mogadisho. (Dr. A. Doolow, Somalia, June 23, 2001 for CRW) all [sic] (via DXLD)

** UGANDA. Radio Uganda heard last three nights on 7195 to 2100 off. For example tonight with fair strength on clear channel with news in

English at 1900. Had been using 4976 for this service, still on 5026 (Mike Barraclough, June 25th, World DX Club via DXLD)

** U K. The Independent today devoted all of page 3 to the BBC World Service story, three articles and four photographs plus World Map above the articles.
http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/media/story.jsp?story=80426 is the link to a piece by former BBCWS managing director John Tusa and there are links to the other two stories from that page (Mike Barraclough, UK, June 27, WORLD OF RADIO 1085, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Here is the first one:

The Independent 27 June 2001

Muddled thinking that is a throwback to a bygone age
By John Tusa
(John Tusa was managing director, BBC World Service 1986-1992)

----Why the BBC's short-wave switch-off does a disservice to the English-speaking world

--How the BBC reaches the world
For the past five years the BBC World Service has trodden a prudent and cautious line over the crucial question of how best to reach its audiences. It has stuck to short wave as the main broadcasting staple, while continuing to expand the number of transmissions from local VHF transmitters giving local audiences a higher quality of reception than short wave.

It has expanded into the internet because failure to do so would risk losing new generations of potential listeners. From the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing in 1989, the World Service became aware of how new technology was transforming communication in closed and regimented societies. The Chinese authorities knew all about jamming short-wave transmission; they had no way of stopping the fax or, ultimately, satellite transmissions or the internet.

But the present proposal by the World Service to stop short-wave transmissions to North America and Australia and New Zealand raises important questions not just for the BBC but for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The argument has been simply stated, by certain people in the FO. Why, they said, should we spend the taxpayers' money on broadcasting to friends? The question itself reveals an old-fashioned, Cold War approach to broadcasting, out of date for at least a decade. And it ignores the realities of communications and the availability of news in North America in particular.

You have to spend only 48 hours in the US to be aware of the almost

total lack of coverage of events in Europe, and Britain in particular. To consider cutting off short-wave transmissions from the hundreds of thousands of people who listen to the World Service is to risk losing a large, thriving and influential constituency.

Assumptions about the migration of listeners from old to new forms of communication are excessively hopeful. It is far from clear that we are even near the crossover point where as many people listen via the internet and the new media as listen to short wave. The dangers of cutting off short wave is that you lose listeners while failing to pick up listeners on the new media.

The final cause for concern is money. Short-wave transmission is expensive and consumes large quantities of electricity. Any managing director of the World Service would have to ask whether £250,000 spent on North American transmissions was money well spent. But to get daily access to hundreds of thousands of listeners through North America for £250,000 a year represents value for money on a scale that no other medium of communication can offer. (via DXLD)

Subject: [Press release] INTERNET NOT REPLACING RADIO, ARBITRON FINDS; CALLS BBC CESSATION OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS INTO QUESTION
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Press Release (Contact information at end.)
For Immediate Release Wednesday, June 28, 2001:

Newly Released Study Strongly Contradicts BBC World Service Arguments for Ending Shortwave Radio Service

INTERNET NOT REPLACING RADIO, ARBITRON FINDS

Service to North America and Australasia Still Set to End July 1

A new study about high speed Internet users just released by Arbitron and Coleman has found that online streaming media -- which provides audio and video through the computer -- have not caught on and "are not yet generating habitual use".

The Arbitron results call into serious question the BBC`s strategy of ending shortwave to North America and Australasia and directly contradicts the BBC's central argument that it is simply responding to its audience's migration from shortwave radio to Internet streaming audio.

"When you take into account that only a minority of Americans, let alone Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and Pacific Islanders have access to high speed Internet in the first place -- and then add

the results of this study -- you have to wonder about the credentials of those who are advising the BBC World Service in its streaming audio strategy," said Ralph Brandi, a spokesman for the Coalition to Save the BBC World Service.

(The Coalition, with its web site at http://www.savebbc.org, is an association of radio listeners and organizations that seeks reconsideration of the BBC's decision to end use of shortwave to North America and Australasia on July 1.)

Released on June 20 at a convention for the streaming media industry, the study -- entitled Broadband Revolution 2: The Media of Speedies -- looks at the habits of those with access to high speed Internet connections, which the study terms "speedies". The study compared Internet usage to that of other media and found that heavy Internet users tend to use the Internet with television or radio simultaneously, rather than with audio or video streaming via the computer.

"At least one in five speedies 'frequently' listen to...radio (23%) or watch television (21%) when at a computer, demonstrating how speedies often combine 'traditional' media with their computer usage", the study claims. On the other hand, the study found that only one in twenty or "no more than 5% of speedies report listening to streaming audio, watching downloaded video files or watching streaming video frequently when at a computer."

One of the study's key findings is that "[s]treaming media show little potential for 'hurting' traditional broadcast media and will more likely complement radio and television."

There are other elements in the study that challenge the BBC's argument that Internet audio already serves as a suitable replacement for radio:

High speed internet access to the home seriously lags behind that to the workplace.

The majority of "speedies", roughly two-thirds, have high speed access at work, and only a third have such access at home. Further, fully 70% of those users who only have access at work have no plan to obtain such access at home.

Streaming media have not caught on with the vast majority of heavy Internet consumers.

Streaming media are still in the early stages of development, and "there are still many speedies who have tried it but do not consume

it on a regular basis." Despite the fact that such users are "the perfect group to try streaming", the majority disregard it. The study explains that "63% of speedies have never tried audio streaming", and that "only 12% of speedies have listened to streaming audio in the past week."

Even those users who do partake of streaming audio use it in addition to the radio, not in replacement of it.

"Two-thirds -- 67% -- of [people who use streaming audio] say that their usage of streaming audio has been in addition to their...radio listening." Very few, only 6%, of people using streaming audio say that it has replaced a large portion of their radio listening. The study found that using streaming audio was currently too difficult, and that "one of the most cited reasons for not listening more frequently to streaming audio was that it was 'too time consuming.' Portability is a good example of something that will assist in making streaming easier to use."

When heavy Internet users were asked "whether radio or the Internet is better for a number of audio attributes, most Internet audio users selected radio."

"The BBC's move is unmistakably premature, to put it mildly" said Brandi. "If Americans are migrating in droves to the Internet to hear the World Service, as the BBC claims, where are they in this professionally conducted and publicly released Arbitron survey?" he challenged. "If the BBC has a methodology and numbers that support its decision, why are they loathe to share them?"

The Arbitron/Coleman study, entitled Broadband Revolution 2: The Media World of Speedies, is available for free in PDF format from the Arbitron web site at
http://www.arbitron.com/newsroom/archive/article3.htm

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** U S A. Hello, Just so that you guys know, Michael Ketter (Brother X) from Complex Variables Studio, has been made the Program Director of WBCQ - The Planet / Shortwave. One of the first new clients that he has started a dialogue with is the BBC. There is a good chance that WBCQ will be airing much of the old North America Service programming (mostly news and entertainment). Negotiations seem to be going well, and with any luck there will be a solution by August. If you would like more information about this, or other changes in the WBCQ programming line-up, just contact me:
Tas-@complexvariablesstudio.com [topica truncated address] / (412) 371-1205 / Tasha Femkins, C/O Complex Variables Studio, 230 Homestead Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15218. Thanks, (Tasha Femkins, via James D. Strader, swprograms via WORLD OF RADIO 1085, DXLD)

What most people don`t know is that many of us at WBCQ had already approached Allan with the idea of offering transmission time to the BBC; Allan too had thought of it. However it is the very short outdoor season in Maine right now and WBCQ is under more physical growth as we speak. The appointment of Michael Ketter as Program Manager places into capable and competent hands a task that Allan cannot do right now. He probably couldn't do as well even if he wasn't working on additional production facilities, a new antenna system for WBCQ-3, and building a local FM station from scratch. Contrary to popular opinion, it will not use one of E. Howard Armstrong's original direct modulated transmitters.

For details on the latest news in programming developments, including the status of WBCQ picking up any BBCWS programming, I suggest you check out two WBCQ programs. Naturally on Fridays at 8PM ET/0000 UT Saturday, it`s Allan Weiner World Wide. Debuting tonight [Tuesday] @ 9PM ET/ 0100 UT Wednesday is "The Planet" hosted by Michael Ketter. He will be discussing WBCQ programming and the shows he is producing at Complex Variable Studios (-Steve Coletti, June 26, swprograms via DXLD)

** USA. VOA to enhance South Asia programming | Text of report by Indian news agency PTI

Washington, 26 June: US international broadcasting service, Voice of America, has announced that it is enhancing its coverage of South Asian news and inaugurating a weekly live call-in programme from 1

July. VOA Hindi programmes will now provide more complete coverage of breaking news in South Asia along with reports on the vibrant South Asian communities in the US and elsewhere in the world, a VOA press release said. These informative programmes will engage audience in discussions of news, music, culture, science and youth-oriented subjects. The broadcasts will be carried on shortwave radio and picked up by affiliate FM stations in Toronto, Vancouver, Mauritius, Surinam and Fiji. Segments of VOA Hindi broadcasts will continue to be carried by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corp. and Radio Australia. The Voice of America is a multimedia international broadcasting service of the US Government. VOA broadcasts over 900 hours of news, informational, educational and cultural programmes every week to an audience of some 91 million people worldwide in English and 52 other languages. Source: PTI news agency, New Delhi, in English 1915 gmt 26 Jun 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** U S A. Scott, I had a report that you are streaming, but I can't find anything about it on your website, other than the misleading "Listen Here"... Are you planning on streaming, or doing so despite what I found? Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, October 23, 2000 to WCBE) Finally, a reason to reply:

I wanted to let those of you who are unfortunately located out of WCBE`s signal, that you can now hear us on the web at http://www.wcbe.org Just go to our home page and click on the personal public radio banner. That will take you to our player (Windows Media Player) to hear our live stream as well as secondary music channels. It's been a long time coming, but now we can finally achieve world domination! Thanks for your patience and listen here! (Scott Vezdos, Webmaster/Saturday Evening Sounds WCBE Radio - 90.5 FM Columbus OH, June 27, 2001, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The FCC International Bureau public notices page contains the following items:

== The sale of WRNO to Good News World Outreach has been approved.

== An application has been filed by Blue Ridge Communications d/b/a WGTG Radio Station for a new shortwave station in Coffee County, Tennessee (Manchester is the largest town) at 35-37-27, 86-00-52. [this is closer to Nashville, not to Copper Hill -gh]

== WMLK has filed some application for a CP, the details of which are not given.

== KNLS has applied to add a second 100 kw xmtr and a second curtain dipole antenna.

== A new shortwave station on the Kenai Peninsula south of Anchorage has been filed by Aurora Communications, at Ninilchik.

73 (Mike Dorner, June 26, WORLD OF RADIO 1085, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [clandestine]. A little after 0200 on UT June 15, the ``Somerset psycho``, Steve Anderson, shut down his unlicensed broadcasting operation on 6900 USB. Actually, ``United Patriot Radio`` had been up for a while before I became aware of its existence. A story about Anderson and the station appeared in the local newspaper -- no indication, of course, as to where it could be heard (what properly thinking person would want to hear it?), and there has been a story in MT. Anderson said lack of support -- primarily financial -- from patriot/-militia community caused his decision to shut down. Also he had been disappointed by the sparse turnout at a rally for currently jailed militia activist Mark Koernke, which he attended the previous weekend.

I found the closedown a bit of a surprise as Anderson had indicated plans to increase transmitter power from 0.9 to 3 kW, and was going to put on an FM transmitter on 88.5 MHz, presumably for the benefit of his Pulaski County followers, among whom he seems to be something of a hero. Also, Anderson`s performances up to the day of the closedown had been quite lively: he`s an entertaining sort. And he was continuing to taunt the unconstitutional government to which he owes no allegiance, daring it to try to shut him down, indicating dire consequences for anyone who showed up on his property attempting to do so.

When I first heard Anderson he was using 3260 kHz, but went to the higher frequency for better summertime propagation. Being only 60 miles north of Somerset at this QTH, nighttime reception of UPR has been excellent (tho with some QRN of late). Daytime reception had not been as good of late.

Anderson`s program had been on from 0200 to 0300 UT, with programming from his largely like-minded compatriots on the Genesis Communications Network being carried for the remainder of the broadcast day. He had also recently added some taped programming from one of his fellow ``Christian Identity`` adherents.

When I tuned in June 15 at 0150 on 6900 USB, there was nothing to be heard but chirping sounds, which seemed to be some sort of pulse transmission, with no trace of UPR. In a few minutes Anderson`s voice was to be heard with a ``Test, test``, and then with a mimicking of the chirps, which I had not previously heard on 6900. At 0200 the chirps ceased and Anderson came on with his program. His explanation for the absence of the Genesis programming was a problem with his

satellite receiver. He downlinked Genesis (WWFV) programming from the satellite feed on G1/17/5.58 (Genesis is also on G9/2/7.30 -- the same satellite that carries the highly informative Truth Network -- 2/5.8). Checking for both Genesis feeds, I found them there as usual, WWFV carrying them on 6890 USB with an Alex Jones presentation.

The WWFV ID is given on the satellite feeds. Not being a listener to them, I hadn`t been aware of that, so hearing that ID being given over UPR, I initially wondered if there really was that Someset transmitter, or if the programming, including Anderson`s, was from another McCaysville transmitter. But that clearly was not the case.

Tho Anderson is gone from 6900, I`m still hearing that pulse transmission (or whatever it is -- makes chirps with the BFO on), which I had not heard prior to June 15. It appears to come up at 0100 UT and is off by 0200.

Anderson was about 10 minutes into the June 15 broadcast when he said he was pulling the plug for no other reason than the lack of support from his militia/patriot colleagues, who were apparently losing their dedication to the cause, but he promised to continue the struggle by other means. Anderson is head of an organization called the ``Kentucky Riflemen``, their guns being removable only from their cold dead hands.

How was it that Anderson`s broadcasting, being well known, was permitted to continue for as long as it did? He would read on the air and ridicule the rather bland FCC warnings he had received. In his last broadcast he maintained that no external pressure or force had driven him from the air. Guess his fans can now tune 10 kHz lower for the Jones program with which his conflicted.

Probably the best known of the Genesis broadcasters (at lest to me) are Tom Valentine, something of a flake but doesn`t seem to be a terribly bad fellow, and Alex Jones, staunch enemy of the ``New World Order``, with his daily horror stories about the ``jack booted thugs`` and the infuriating conduct of the UN and all of those other forces of evil intent upon enslaving us.

Of course it was the government itself that actually blew up the Oklahoma City building as part of the effort to demonize the patriot/militia movement, provide an excuse for destroying it. Poor Tim was just a fall guy. Actually he wasn`t even executed: with some plastic surgery he`ll be given a new identity and a $ million.

It`s really fun listening to these people: fascinating to hear the webs of conspiracy that paranoia feeding on paranoia can produce.

But in a world like ours, with all of the media manipulation, can we be totally sure that some of these nuts might not contain an occasional kernel of truth?

But the nut can also contain a worm, as when ``Christian Identity`` man Anderson can spend five minutes with repetitions of ``The Jews are the children of the devil!``

(Loren Cox, Jr., Lexington, KY, June 18, NOTE DATE, retyped by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST) {See Loren`s follow-up in DXLD 1-090}

United Patriot Radio, June 26 2001 at 02:10 UTC on 6900 kHz USB. Strong signal here in the badlands of New Hampshire. What's up with this guy? Is this a "true clandestine"? This is my first time hearing this station. Regards, (The Outer Planet, swpirates via David Hodgson and Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

Subject: United Patriot Radio
From: mtgx@4motion.org (Miles)
Newsgroups: rec.radio.shortwave, alt.radio.pirate
Date: 26 Jun 2001 06:35:18 -0700

Heard United Patriot Radio 6/26/01 @ 0200 UT on 6900 kHz USB, good signal, SIO 355. Steve Anderson w/long rant about Them coming for Your guns, etc. Mentioned a financial backer from Macon, SC has helped get the station back on the air. I am located in the New England, receive equipment is Icom IC-725 with an indoor helically wound dipole. Regards, Miles (via John Norfolk, Mike Barraclough, DXLD)

Steve was back in fine form when checked at 0203 UT Wed June 27 on 6900-USB, continuous rant for first half-sesquihour, culminating with suggestion that Mexican migrant workers shouldn`t stay in Kentucky except as fertilizer... Off about 0302 after usual OCS by TEF (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to a credible - yet unconfirmed - report, United Patriot Radio was raided just after 0500 UTC (1 AM EDT) Wednesday, June 27. Details remain sketchy. CRW and CDX are trying to confirm the report at this time. Developing...

Later: Presumed United Patriot Radio was heard at 0007 UT Jun 28 on 6900 kHz upper side band. We are trying to get clarification on the previous report of a raid and determine exactly what, if anything, happened (Nick Grace C., CRW and Hans Johnson, WY, Cumbre via DXLD)

False alarm: Steve was back the night after the supposed raid, around 0200-0300* on 6900-USB, but I did not listen to hear if he said

anything about a raid; after all, Schickele Mix was on KCSN at that time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. 6155, CWA 155 Radio Banda Oriental, trasmitiendo desde la localidad de SarandÌ del YÌ, en el departamento de Durazno. 26 de junio, hora 0140 TU llegando con 444 por Bs. As. En el WRTH figura \'Radio Universo, en la ciudad de Castillos, en el departamento de Rocha\'. Se escuchan canciones populares uruguayas en forma continuada, dando la identificaciÛn cada pocos minutos. Las canciones escuchadas anoche fueron, entre otras, \`PrÌncipe Azul\` de Eduardo Mateo, \`DoÒa Soledad\' de Alfredo Zitarrosa, \'Candombe de la Aduana\' de Niquel y otras de Los OlimareÒos. Se desconoce si es trasmisiÛn en prueba. Dan tambiÈn una direcciÛn electrÛnica. ID: \' Desde SarandÌ del YÌ, Durazno, Uruguay, trasmite en banda de 49 metros, CWA 155 Banda Oriental, en el 6.155 de su dial. Correo electrÛnico: nora-@adinet.com.uy.\' (VÌctor CastaÒo, Uruguay. CaptaciÛn hecha en Bs. As., Argentina. ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

** VANUATU. At 0656z on 7260 kHz, Radio Vanuatu was very clear (as clear as Pidgin English can be to somebody who doesn't speak it... heh). The only English part I heard was a comical commercial for Colgate that suggested that brushing your teeth could scare away crocodiles and elephants. Oh dear (Clint Felmingham, Grafton, Australia, June 28, EDXP via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 7460 kHz, Radio Nacional de la Rep˙blica ¡rabe Saharahui Democr·tica, 2246-0003*, 21 June 2001, pgm in Arabic with very nice music of Western Sahara, news & comments about the saharahui people and about the Magreb, ID at 2319 as "..Idhaat al watania...Jumuhiriyah...Arabia Saharahuia Dimucratia...", also similar ID at 0002 by lady announcer, s/off with Anthem at 0003*. SINPO: 34343 (G. I. Barrera, Argentina, June 21, 2001 for CRW via DXLD) This one`s days may be numbered as per previous report

** ZAMBIA. Christian Voice is operated by Christian Vision, a UK-based charitable organization which also operates shortwave radio stations in Australia and Chile [q.v.]. This service began broadcasting on 1st December 1994. The station carries Christian teaching and programmes on farming, education, health and children's affairs as well as news. It operates from a farm 35 km southwest of Lusaka using a 100-kW Continental shortwave transmitter. It aims to cover both Zambia and neighbouring countries. Broadcasts are not subject to Summer/Winter time changes.

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** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA Verification received from Radio Tanzania, Zanzibar for reception on 11734 1735-1815 9th March. The QSL was designed by Belgian DXer Guido Schotmans. They say their schedule is 1500-2100 on 11734. Transmitter is 50 kW. Verification signer Khalid H. Rajab, address The Voice of Tanzania Zanzibar, Department of Broadcasting, P. O. Box 1178, Zanzibar, Tanzania (Jim Parker, Wales, World DX Club via DXLD)

Fair signal on clear channel here 1620 June 21st with talk in Kiswahili, 1630-1700 mix of music and talks, 1700 five pips last elongated and then news (Mike Barraclough, World DX Club via DXLD) ##